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The letter of Judge Bethurum published in these columns two weeks ago, has caused much comment. The article was very timely and we believe will result in much good toward wiping out the dastardly evil which has so imperiled our town and county so long. The whisky traffic is the worst evil the country has to face and the bootlegger is the hardest violator of the law to convict. He picks his man to sell to and once the sale is made it is the hardest problem yet, to extract from that man who buys, just where and from whom he made the purchase. When the jury is selected to try the case Dick, Tom or Harry, who are opposed to whisky and would convict, either manage to get excused from the jury or they are cut off by the attorneys in the case. The witness takes the stand and says he bought from so and so. The bootlegger takes the stand and says he did not sell. The judge instructs the jury according to law and the weakness of the law in such cases, gives the doubt to the defendant and he goes acquit. The Judge, the sheriff and prosecuting attorney, have each done his duty. The law has been followed to the letter so far as the court is concerned, the jury satisfied that they did their part, the bootlegger pleased with the great victory won and the public without stopping to consider the facts at once, place the blame upon the officer of officers of the law, that he is not doing his duty. The court can not do it all. Since Judge Bethurum's letter was published, we have heard repeatedly from people: "What is Cam Mullins doing?" In justice to Judge Mullins we want to say that he is trying to do his duty. Take the records of his courts; the number of men who have been brought before him for investigation, the number sent to jail and it is sufficient proof of what he is trying to do. The officers can only do their part. The juries must do theirs and the people generally must do theirs. It is too big a proposition for two or three men's job.

JUDGE B. J. Bethurum has sent out a call to the citizens of his home county. He says that it is reported to him, on reliable authority, that conditions in this county are horrible, made so by the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. Just so, Judge, just so! Wisely you have called upon the people and there is no question but what a great majority of them are with you in your fight against the bootleggers. It is said that at least thirty gallons of liquor are brought in here every night. That can be stopped by the united and determined efforts of our people, county and city officials. Go to work and when they are caught, give them the limit. The violators of the law test the officers at every step. They scent at once the official in sympathy and willing to wink his eye at their nefarious business. Now let the good citizens and officers of our county enthusiastically respond to Judge Bethurum's appeal and assemble on the first day of his Circuit Court in Mount Vernon and there and then begin a campaign for the complete annihilation of those who peddle this vile and corrupting stuff.

THE WIRZ PRECEDENT

An Associated Press dispatch from Paris says:

Leon Bourgeois, former Premier and French authority on the League of Nations, in a statement to the Main cities as a precedent for the punishment of Germans of degrees convicted of violation of the laws of war the

case of Henry Wirz, who was tried by court martial and executed after the Civil War for cruelties suffered by Northern prisoners in the camp he commanded at Andersonville, Ga.

The Courier-Journal several months ago suggested that the Wirz case might well serve as a precedent for the punishment of individual Germans who transgressed the laws of war.

Capt. Henry Wirz was the commandant of the Andersonville prison camp. He was by birth German, but was regularly in the Confederate service. Nearly six months after the war ended he was tried for "violation of the laws of war" by a military commission, which pronounced him guilty of conspiring "maliciously, traitorously and in violation of the laws of war to impair and injure the health and to destroy the lives of large numbers of Federal prisoners, to wit, the number of about 45,000 soldiers in the military service of the United States held as prisoners of war at Andersonville, in the State of Georgia."

He was sentenced to death, the sentence bearing this indorsement: "The proceedings findings and sentence of the court in the within case are approved, and it is ordered that the sentence be carried into execution by the officer commanding the Department of Washington, on Friday, the 10th day of November, 1865, between the hours of 6 o'clock a. m. and 12 o'clock noon. Andrew Johnson, President."

On the date name Capt. Wirz was hanged in the Old Capital Prison at Washington.

Confederate historians resent this action as unjustifiable, insisting that the hardships suffered by the prisoners at Andersonville were due to the refusal of the Federal authorities to exchange prisoners, not without the repeated efforts of the Confederates to relieve their crowded prison by arranging exchanges.

The justice of the sentence, however, has no bearing on the value of the case as a precedent. Plainly it indicates a way by which the perpetrators of many German outrages may be properly punished after peace has been proclaimed. The murderers of Capt. Fryatt, for instance, the assassins of the innocent on board the Lusitania, the Leinster, the Hiram, Maru the Ancona, etc., with the brutal violators of the laws of war in countless other cases, may be reached and dealt with by this method.

The French are insistent in their demands that such culprits shall be punished. The British have preserved long lists of them against the day of judgment. The peace terms should require the facilitation by the vanquished of the efforts to identify the guilty in cases where identification may be difficult. Once for all the German idea that all's fair in war must be dispelled.—Courier Journal.

The residence of W. K. Shugars, brother of the Misses Shugars, of this city, was destroyed by fire on his farm a mile out of Liberty, Casey county, early Monday morning, with a loss of from \$5,000 to \$6,000 as he carried no insurance of any sort. Mr. Shugars is in Richmond with his sisters, and says that all he saved from the building was the suit of corduroy working clothes that he had on.

Mrs. Shugars was in Richmond at the time. Mr. Shugars went to the barn at 6:30 Monday morning to milk, and while he was away the house caught fire. He thinks that a broken stove pipe caused the fire to catch in the roof. When he noticed the blaze it had gained considerable headway. He rushed to it and endeavored to save some clothes, but was almost suffocated and had to get out quickly to save his life. He then had to stand by impatiently, and see his home all furniture and all the family's wearing apparel go up in flames. Mr. Shugars went to McKinney, where he obtained some clothes, and came on to Richmond with the bad news for his wife. The home had been refitted by Mr. and Mrs. Shugars a few weeks ago when they moved to the farm, after he sold out his drug store in Stanford.—Richmond Post-Dispatch.

Mr. Shugars was in the drug business in Brodhead for a number of years.

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HOPE WELL

Mrs. Mike Marler and baby are numbered with the sick.—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stokes and Mrs. Alfred Barnes spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perciful.—Born, January 17th to the wife of George Henry McClure, a girl.—Mrs. Lizzie Robbins was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Marler last Monday.—Alfred Barnes spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. James Barnes, who is in very poor health.—Mr. and Mrs. Leander McKinney, of Hansford, spent Saturday night with the latter's sister, Mrs. Mitchell Norton.—A. C. Sowder has returned home after spending several days with his son, Paris, at Knox ville.—Misses Nancy and Sallie Sowder spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Chas. Shepherd, at Cove.—The family of Otis Robbins has flu.—Miss Hattie Carmichael, who has been with her grandmother at Mt. Vernon for the past month, spent several days with her mother here.—Born, January 12, to the wife of Wm. Hayes, a girl.—There were no weddings in this neighborhood during the holidays but there are prospects for several in the near future.—Mrs. Robert Marler and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Charles Fletcher.—Mr. and Mrs. Rile Rash are numbered with the sick.—There were services at Hopewell several nights last week conducted by Rev. Lewis—Jake McElmore has moved to a farm near Brodhead.—Mrs. Charles Fletcher was in Mt. Vernon Wednesday having dental work done.

WITHERS

Chas. Rice, of Livingston, was in this part Monday and Tuesday.—Mrs. John Allen is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Roberts this week.—J. H. Mullins has been on the sick list for several days but is better at this time.—Ben Mullins is in the western part of the county this week.—John Lear, of Carico, was with the merchants of this place Monday.—The three small children of Ben Mullins have been on the sick list for a few days.—Miss Maggie Mullins has been sick with a severe sore throat for a few days.—Died, Aunt Martha, at the home of Ler son, Chas. Durham, January 16th. She was laid to rest at 2:30 in the family burying ground. Aunt Martha was about 80 years of age.

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and left several children and grand children, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.—For ester Mullins was in Livingston, Tuesday.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Allen and twin babies, Erlye and Berlye, of Cooksburg, are with his mother, Mrs. Louisa Allen, this week.—Wm. Anderson is on the sick list this week.—Ben Metcalfe and family, of Wildie, are visiting relatives of this place.

The Immortals—

Theodore Roosevelt

(Printed by request of Judge Cam Mullins)

January 6, 1919

Dead! from the Sierras' snowy peaks

To wintry woods of Maine,

Ten thousand wires from sea to sea

Relayed the sad refrain.

By wireless and through ocean's depths

The news of sorrow spread,

"The strong man of America,

Our Roosevelt is dead."

Full was the life that gently passed

When over Oyster Bay

The clouds of morning turned to wings

Of gold against the gray.

Green are the laurels that we bind

About his quiet brow,

And bitter is the grief we feel

For who will lead us now?

In homes of rich and poor alike

His pictured face is shrined,

For he was true to every trust

And kin to all mankind.

As statesmen, author, soldier brave,

And patriot to the end,

We mourn for him, and more than all

We mourn him as a friend.

Upon Columbia's starry height

Three great immortals stand,

Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt,

At Liberty's right hand.

Their glory is a beacon to

The footsteps of the free,

Their names a splendor in the skies

For all eternity.

MINNA IRVING.

IN MEMORY OF A FAITHFUL SOLDIER

Neatly framed and hanging upon the wall of the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brewer, of Ford's Ferry, Ky., is the treasured Official Commission and the Bronze Badge of Honor in the U. S. Boys' Working Reserve of their dead son, William Brewer. When the call came a year ago for all boys in Kentucky between the ages of 16 and 21 to enlist in the great Reserve army to back the boys in the trenches by service on the farms, William Brewer was one of the first to respond. He worked faithfully during the summer on his father's farm and then in the fall when the harvest had been gathered he entered a munitions factory in Michigan. While there he was stricken and died and his

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body was sent back to the old home in Kentucky for burial. The Bronze Badge of Honor was sent to his parents from the State office of the Reserve in Louisville in memory of a faithful soldier who performed a patriotic service for his country.

No., although peace has come, there is a call for service in 1919 to help feed the starving millions of Europe. Enrollment Week is the week of January 20, 26, and all boys in Kentucky between the ages of 16 and 21 are urged to enroll for vacation work on the farms. Boys of these ages who work on the farms of their parents or neighbors are entitled to enroll and receive the rewards of service. Attractive posters have been sent out by government officials in Washington to all high schools, libraries, postoffices, railroad stations, Y.M.C.A. buildings, government employment offices, etc., advertising Enrollment Week.

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